

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 14, 21, 30 and 36 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus for forming an image on a recording medium by discharging a plurality of inks from [using] a plurality of ink discharge means, each ink having a penetrability, a dye density and a color [which discharge inks];

said plural ink discharge means corresponding to a plurality of inks with different dye densities [in inks], wherein the penetrabilities [penetrability] of inks having different dye densities and similar colors are [density is] different from each other and ink having low dye density among a plurality of inks of different dye densities and similar colors is ink having more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than [superior to] ink having high dye density [on the recording medium].

14. (Twice Amended) An ink-jet recording method for forming an image on a recording medium by discharging a plurality of inks from [using] a plurality of ink discharge means, each ink having a penetrability, a dye density and a color [which discharge inks];

said plural ink discharge means corresponding to a plurality of inks with different dye densities [in inks], wherein the penetrabilities [penetrability] of inks having different dye densities and similar colors are [density is] different from each other and ink having low dye density among a plurality of inks of different dye densities and similar colors is ink having more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than [superior to] ink having high dye density [on the recording medium].

21. (Twice Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising a recording head equipped with a plurality of ink discharge means, which discharge ink, and forming an image on a recording medium by discharging the ink through a plurality of discharge ports of said recording head, wherein the plural discharge ports of said recording head are comprised of a plurality of discharge port trains corresponding to a plurality of inks, each of the inks having a penetrability, a color and a different dye density [in ink], wherein the penetrabilities [penetrability] of inks having different dye [density] densities and similar colors are [is] different from each other and ink having low dye density among a plurality of inks of different dye densities and similar colors is ink having more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than [superior to] ink having high dye density [on the recording medium].

30. (Twice Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising a plurality of recording heads equipped with a plurality of ink discharge means, which discharge ink through discharge ports, and form an image on a recording medium by discharging the ink through a plurality of discharge ports of said recording heads, wherein said plural recording heads correspond to a plurality of inks, each having a penetrability, a color and a [with] different dye density [densities in ink], wherein the penetrabilities [penetrability] of inks having different dye densities and similar colors are [density is] different from each other and ink having low dye density among a plurality of inks of different dye densities and similar colors is ink having more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than [superior to] ink having high dye density [on the recording medium].

36. (Amended) A recorded article formed by discharged inks adhering to a recording medium, comprising a plurality of inks, wherein inks having [which belong to the same color group but have] different dye densities and similar colors are inks having [in ink and] different penetrabilities from each other and ink having low dye density has more penetrability with respect to [on] the recording medium than ink having high dye density.